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SUBJECT: SOVIET THEATRE DIRECTORS DELEGATION

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1. MINCULT'S BUTROVA CONFIRMED AUG 15 THAT SOVIET THEATRE DIRECTORS DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON OCT 8 AEROFLOT FLIGHT.

2. BUTROVA THOUGHT SEMINARS FOR NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO WERE FINE, BUT SAID DIRECTORS NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SEEING "MARRIAGE" AT MINNEAPOLIS'S GUTHRIE THEATRE -- SOMETHING THEY HAVE ALREADY SEEN. THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEEING GUTHRIE THEATER AND TALKING WITH DRAMA STUDENTS THERE, HOWEVER. BUTROVA ALSO SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED A VISIT TO YALE DRAMA THEATRE.

3. MAIN PURPOSE OF THE VISIT, ACCORDING TO BUTROVA AND SUPPORTED BY EMBASSY, IS TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH NEW AMERICAN DRAMA AND FIND OUT WHICH OF PLAYS COULD BE STAGED IN SOVIET UNION. DIRECTORS WANT TO

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MEET ARTISTIC DIRECTORS AND PLAYWRIGHTS WHO ARE PRODUCING THIS NEW DRAMA.

4. BUTROVA NOTED THAT OCT 6 WILL BE PRESS PREVIEW OF EFROS' "MARRIAGE" AND PREMIERE WILL BE OCT 18, WHICH MAY BE GARBLED INFORMATION.

5. MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON MEMBERS OF DELEGATION
WILL BE AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER WHEN DIRECTORS RETURN
FROM VACATION. TOON

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